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May, 1958.

*To the Chairman and Members*  
OF THE  
*Urban District Council of Rishton*

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health administration of Rishton for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

**STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA**

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,878.4
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£43,508
Estimated Product of 1d. Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£175
Population, 1951 Census	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,794
Estimated 1956 Mid-year Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,580
Estimated 1957 Mid-year Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,540

Rishton is a compact Urban area whose chief industries are cotton, felt and carpet weaving, paper making, paint and varnish manufacture and paper string manufacture.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.0
Death Rate (adjusted)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.1
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.5
Live Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.5
Live Birth Rate (adjusted)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.7
Live Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.1
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	17

There were 58 live births and 3 stillbirths registered during 1957 and 61 deaths from all causes. The birth rate has fallen from 15.6 to 11.7 and the death rate has fallen from 14.5 to 11.1.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This year has again seen a low incidence of reported cases of notifiable infectious diseases, as can be seen from the two tables at the end of my report.

## LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Local Health and Welfare Services under the National Health and Assistance Acts are administered in Rishton by the Lancashire County Council Number 5 Health Division.

Miss E. Singleton is the Health Visitor/School Nurse for the Rishton District, and the following are the services administered at the Child Welfare and School Clinic, 108, High Street, RISHTON. Telephone No. Great Harwood 3177.

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinic | 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month (morning).  |
| 2. Child Welfare Clinic             | Each Tuesday afternoon.                      |
| 3. Minor Ailment Clinic             | Each Monday and Friday morning.              |
| 4. Immunisation Clinic              | As and when arranged.                        |
| 5. Orthopaedic Clinic               | 4th Wednesday each month.                    |
| 6. Ophthalmic Clinic                | 1st and 3rd Thursdays (afternoon).           |
| 7. Dental Clinic                    | Each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (all day). |
| 8. Speech Therapy                   | By appointment.                              |
| 9. Physiotherapy                    | Each Wednesday (all day).                    |

Wherever possible appointments should be made before clinics are attended, although the Dental Officer will attend to cases of toothache without appointment.

The County Midwife for Rishton is Miss S. C. Edwards, 4, Devonshire Drive, CLAYTON-LE-MOORS. Telephone—Accrington 2250.

The County District Nurse for the District is Mrs. E. Clarke, of 90, Cliff Street, RISHTON. (Telephone—Great Harwood 2055).

To obtain the Ambulance Service ring—Accrington 4834.

### STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

			Total		Males		Females
Live Births—Legitimate	...	...	58	...	26	...	32
Live Births—Illegitimate	...	...	Nil	...	—	...	—
TOTALS			58	...	26	...	32
Stillbirths	...	...	3	...	Nil	...	3
Deaths	...	...	61	...	29	...	32

### POPULATION FIGURES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS

	Registrar General's Estimated Figure		Births		Deaths		Births & Deaths Differential
1957	5,540	...	58	...	61	...	— 3
1956	5,580	...	77	...	80	...	— 3
1955	5,630	...	52	...	94	...	— 42
1954	5,630	...	53	...	81	...	— 28
1953	5,660	...	67	...	71	...	— 4
1952	5,741	...	59	...	86	...	— 27
1951 (Census)	5,794	...	70	...	91	...	— 21
1950	5,926	...	81	...	93	...	— 12
1949	5,832	...	90	...	87	...	+ 3
1948	5,644	...	84	...	72	...	+ 12
1947	5,467	...	118	...	87	...	+ 31

### SUMMARY CAUSES OF DEATH

		Males		Females		Total
Malignant Neoplasms (Stomach)	...	0	...	2	...	2
Malignant Neoplasms (Lungs)	...	4	...	0	...	4
Milignant Neoplasms (others)	...	1	...	0	...	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	...	4	...	11	...	15
Coronary Disease (Angina)	...	8	...	2	...	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	2	...	3	...	5
Other Heart Diseases	...	3	...	2	...	5
Pneumonia	...	1	...	1	...	2
Bronchitis	...	3	...	3	...	6
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	0	...	1	...	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	1	...	5	...	6
All other accidents	...	0	...	1	...	1
Suicide	...	2	...	1	...	3
TOTALS		29	...	32	...	61



## PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930

Number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register on the 31st December, 1957, compared with figures for 1956 :—

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1957 ...	19	13	32	5	4	9	23	17	40
1956 ...	18	15	33	5	7	12	23	22	45
Cases notified for first time during quarter	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Removed from district	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Diagnosis not confirmed	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Recovered	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFED DURING THE YEAR

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases at all ages	Age Periods — years								25 and over	age unknown
		0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15		
Whoop'g Cough	9	1	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	2	—
Measles	10	—	1	1	—	—	8	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infection	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total cases at all ages	20	2	1	1	4	2	8	—	—	2	—

Acute Poliomyelitis, both the paralytic and the non-paralytic type, Diphtheria and Dysentery were all absent from the notifications. This is a pleasant state of affairs, one which we hope will continue, assisted by the co-operation of parents taking advantage of the inoculations offered.

Notifiable Diseases		Total cases at all ages	Age Periods — years					
			0	5	15	45	65 and over	age un- known
Acute Pneumonia (Prim. and Inf.)	...	5	—	1	1	1	2	—
Erysipelas	... ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Food Poisoning	... ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	... ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	10	—	1	5	2	2	—



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS


Disease	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Scarlet Fever ... ..	3	1	—	2	—
Measles ... ..	8	—	61	33	10
Whooping Cough ... ..	40	25	—	3	9
Pneumonia ... ..	7	14	4	2	5
Food Poisoning ... ..	1	1	—	3	2
Erysipelas ... ..	3	—	—	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	63	41	65	44	27

In making my report I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their support and encouragement throughout the year, and other officials and staff for their friendly help.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.



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## *Report of the Public Health Inspector*

**For the Year ended 31st December, 1957**



I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1957. During the year the initial steps were instigated to include this area in a designated area as regards the retail sale of milk. Also the Clean Air Act came into force indicating the additional work that will be the duty of the Local Authority in this direction in the near future.

The Rent Act, 1957, was also introduced and has certainly been responsible for improved maintenance in many tenanted houses.

I am grateful to the officials and staff for the help I have received, and to the Chairman and members of the Council for their encouragement and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

S. PILKINGTON,

Public Health Inspector.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

### Water Supply

Samples of water supply to the area have been taken with the following results :—

Three samples of water have been taken of the Public Supply and all proved satisfactory. These are in addition to the 80 samples taken by the supplying Authority, reports on which are forwarded to the Local Authority.

Seven samples of water have been taken from private supplies and these also proved satisfactory.

Several complaints have been received during the year regarding poor palatability of the public supply.

### Public Cleansing Service

I am pleased to report that in this department we are served by a conscientious group of workmen, who during the year have maintained the service at a high point of efficiency.

Salvage collection and disposal reached a new peak during the period, and the weekly collection of refuse was maintained throughout the year, the recovery after holidays and periods of inclement weather being very quick.

At the tip the annual share of malicious damage has been suffered. Local Authority owned property appears to be fair game for some irresponsible youths with an excess of energy directed into the wrong channels.

### SALVAGE

				Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
January	...	...	...	8	17	3	57	15	5
February	...	...	...	7	17	2	51	3	10
March	...	...	...	7	18	2	51	10	4
April	...	...	...	2	13	1	17	6	2
May	...	...	...	7	12	1	49	9	8
June	...	...	...	7	14	2	50	4	4
July	...	...	...	4	19	1	32	5	2
August	...	...	...	6	14	3	43	15	11
September	...	...	...	4	13	3	30	9	5
October	...	...	...	7	16	0	50	14	1
November	...	...	...	7	5	3	47	7	5
December	...	...	...	3	7	3	22	0	5
TOTALS ...				77	11	0	504	2	2

Receipts from Trade Tipping, £34 10s. 6d.



## MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases inspected and condemned within the District :—

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ... ..	—	36	—	—	36
Number inspected ... ..	—	36	—	—	36

The above figures show a considerable reduction to those for the previous twelve months.

### All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci

Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	—	15	—	—	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci ...	—	42	—	—	8

### Tuberculosis Only

Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	—	15	—	—	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ... ..	—	42	—	—	—

Cysticercosis was not found present in any carcase or organ.

## OTHER FOODS

### Unsound Food

The following foodstuffs have been rejected during the year as being unfit for human consumption :—

Steak ... ..	2½ lbs.
Beans ... ..	1 lb.
Carrots ... ..	1 lb. 14½ ozs.
Pears ... ..	2 lbs. 13 ozs.
Peas ... ..	1 lb. 4ozs.
Milk ... ..	6 pints equiv.
Grapefruit ... ..	1 lb. 4ozs.
Boiled Ham ... ..	10 lbs. 12 ozs.
Strawberries ... ..	15½ ozs.
Tongue ... ..	2 lbs. 8 ozs.
Peaches ... ..	2 lbs.

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Houses inspected for housing defects ... ..	73
Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	247
Number of dwelling houses found to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	1
Number of dwelling houses found not in all respects fit for human habitation ... ..	67
Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after informal action	61
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notice was served ... ..	Nil
Number made fit by owners after service of formal notice ...	Nil
Certificates of Unfitness applied for ... ..	14
Certificates of Unfitness granted ... ..	11
Certificates of Revocation applied for ... ..	Nil
Certificates of Revocation granted ... ..	Nil

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

### Part I of the Act

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	Number on Register	Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	8	14	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	23	27	—	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises) ... ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	31	41	—	—



